

Flowers, Symbols of Life And Resurrection, Stir The Human Mind To Wonder And Reflection

Easter is the oldest festival known to mankind. It was instituted by Nature, herself, and was originally celebrated in honor of the spring. Primitive man could not fathom the spring miracle, but he could appreciate it, and celebrate it joyously.

Every nation had its own name and legend for spring—the resurrection of life. Each year, when nature lived and blossomed anew, the tender beauty of the flowers stirred the human mind to wonder and deep speculation.

When the evil angels were driven from heaven they snatched their arms full of flowers and carried them away. But God would not permit his celestial blossoms to be taken to hades, so he caused the wicked angels to become tired, and, one by one, they dropped the flowers over the earth before they reached their destination.

Although the flowers were originally connected with pagan customs and beliefs, most of them are now closely woven, by Christian traditions, to the event of the resurrection of Christ.

In all ages and lands the white lily has been closely associated with the two greatest mysteries of human life—birth and death. Juno, the queen of the Roman gods, chose the lily as her symbol, and the classics tell us of feasts given among the lilies.

In modern times the Easter lily has taken the place of the Madonna lily both in America and Europe, because it is a hardier plant. The Easter lily, or Bermuda lily, was originally a native of Japan.

Not only the Christians, but all other religions of the world have used the lily to typify consolation and hope. The lotus lily is sacred to the Buddhists, and to it they dedicate ceaseless prayers which are printed on parchment and fastened to constantly revolving cylinders in the great temples of Thibet.

There is a legend old as Christianity, which says that the Virgin spilled a few drops of her milk on the ground, and from these drops sprang the dainty little lily of the valley. These "fairy bells" that bring income to the spring.

In the days of dim antiquity all flowers were divided into two general classes. The bell-shaped blossoms were called lilies and all the others were roses. This is said to account for some flowers being called roses which do not belong to our present rose family.

Another flower of the Easter season, the primrose, is likewise not a rose. Its old generic name is primula—or first—and since it was not bell-shaped it was called a rose. This flower blooms so early that it has become the symbolical flower of the month of January.

Summer knows but little of them. The briar-rose, according to ancient Christian tradition, grew from the drops of blood that fell from the earth from the Savior's brow when it was pierced by the crown of thorns on the cross.

Angels stanch his blood with roses. To this day the faithful in some parts of Russia will never suffer a red rose to lie on the ground. The red rose is usually considered an emblem of the crucifixion, but the white rose belongs to Mary.

The evil mandrake which is found in southern Europe, North Africa and Asia Minor is also bound by tradition to Easter. Only at Easterime does the devil lose his power over this herb.—Washington Star.

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HERMOSA BEACH—Great varieties of fish are being brought ashore daily from the big Olympic fishing barge, according to Capt. J. M. Andersen, skipper of the huge pleasure craft. White fish, bass, sculpin, sandbars and halibut are the leading catches.

Starts New Enterprise GREENE Is. (U.P.)—Shipping lemons, raised in Torrance—California is a new enterprise which E. G. Van Eman has started. Seven lemons were raised on a tree here, two of which were sent to his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Nickols, San Diego, Cal.

Island Champ to Defend His Title In April

Expect Field of 200 to Compete for Bobby Jones Trophy at Avalon AVALON, Catalina Island.—Indications point to one of the biggest golf tournaments of the year in the coming Bobby Jones Trophy Catalina Amateur event. April 15, 16 and 17. Roy Phillips, pro at the island, is busy checking entry lists and dividing them into the three classes for which prizes are posted.

handsome first and second prize is offered for low gross and low net in each of the three classes, a total of 12 prizes. The grand prize is a beautiful silver statuette of Bobby Jones in action, mounted on a base of Catalina marble and molded true to telescopic measurements.

John de Paolo, Weller Noble, Stanley Turner, Al Stover, W. W. Beckwith, E. H. Seaver, Frank Borzage and David Martin, the State and Southern California champions, are all out to show Vince Petrich, the island champ, that he can't keep the Bobby Jones trophy on the island. Vince has a strong competitor among island contenders in Fred Berling who defeated him in the recent Avalon City championship. Roy Phillips requests that en-

tries for the tournament be sent to him direct, care of the Catalina Island Country Club, or else made as soon as possible at the offices of the Santa Catalina Island Company, Pacific Electric Building, Los Angeles, California.

State Picnics IDAHO The annual picnic reunion of the Idaho people in Southern California will be held all day, Saturday, April 2, 1932, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. All the picnic attractions will be offered including the county headquarters and registers, hot coffee and badges. Read Our Want Ads

Doin's of th' Flyin' Buzzard By DUETTE HILL

Dogie Cy got even with the gal that caused him to run into that there limb on the trail from Turkey Springs when he looked back at 'er—after she'd passed him. When they had the big dance at Turkey Springs she wuz there and had a little ole white poodle dog

that she held in 'er arms when he danced with 'er, he sed it wuz worth it tho to git to step on 'er toes. She sed she adored that poodle, that he had so many little individualities. "I think that's the high-toned way of sayin' fleas," said Dogie. She sed she shure had to make 'er nag hurry up that day she passed him fer she was afraid he'd give out before she got home.

BAMBOO FOR NEWS-PRINT HAYANA (U.P.)—Cuban manufacturers are planning to plant large areas in bamboo to produce pulp to be used in the manufacture of newsprint.

Final Contract Let In Vermont Extension G. R. Glebach, Long Beach contractor, was awarded the contract for the proposed grade separation of Vermont avenue over the Pacific Electric tracks at Anaheim boulevard. His bid was \$12,450. This is the final contract let in the improvement of Vermont from Los Angeles to the harbor. San Pedro street, another north and south artery, will be opened as an 80-foot boulevard from 12th street to Riverside-Redondo boulevard. Deeds for the complete right-of-way have been donated. BLOSSOM FESTIVAL SAN JOSE.—(U.P.)—The budding of vari-colored blossoms—thousands of trees in the Santa Clara valley caused the annual Blossom Festival to be set for March 26.